

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 499  
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Fred Warren  
and the East Tennessee State University men's  
golf team.

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a rich tradition of excellent collegiate sports teams that work hard and succeed; and

WHEREAS, the East Tennessee State University men's golf team is clearly one such outstanding team, with a nationally recognized program; and

WHEREAS, East Tennessee State won the Ohio Valley Conference title in 1970, 1972 and 1976; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Southern Conference, the Buccaneers have won that coveted championship a remarkable twelve times, in 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995 and 1996; and

WHEREAS, this talented team has made eight appearances in the NCAA Championship Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the 1995-1996 team won the Tennessee Tournament of Champions, competing against seven ranked teams; the Adams Cup of Newport Tournament, against four ranked teams; the Black and Decker Duke Classic, against five ranked teams; and the Golf/World-Palmetto Dunes Collegiate Tournament, against seventeen ranked opponents; and

WHEREAS, the 1995-1996 team was also ranked first in the nation in the Golf World College Poll; first in the nation in the Wilson Coaches Poll and third best in the nation by the Golfweek/Taylor Made Collegiate Poll; and

WHEREAS, much of the success of the team is due to the exemplary efforts of Head Coach Fred Warren, who joined the Buccaneer program in 1986 and has taken the team to four NCAA Championship Tournaments and seven Southern Conference titles, recognizing the high level of support from ETSU President Dr. Roy Nicks and Athletic Director H. Keener Fry; and

WHEREAS, the stellar 1995-1996 ETSU roster includes senior Garrett Willis, juniors Keith Nolan and Brennan Webb, sophomores Bryan Omelia and Rob Couture and freshmen Bill Ullery, Eamonn Brady, David Christensen and Shawn Koch; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the tremendous accomplishments of this fine team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Fred Warren and the 1995-1996 East Tennessee State University men's golf team.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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